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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A rhombic vertebra body plate for a vertebral column fixing system comprising:

a main body portion having ~~an approximately~~ a generally point symmetric shape around a point in which a first diagonal line connecting a pair of acute angle portions having acute angles opposing to each other, crosses a second diagonal line connecting a pair of obtuse angle portions having obtuse angles opposing to each other;

a least one screw insertion hole provided on the first diagonal line of the main body portion or on the second diagonal line; and

a least one spike provided on each of the first diagonal line and the second diagonal line of the main body portion and extending therefrom.

2. (Currently Amended) The vertebra body plate of claim 1, wherein the at least one spike is formed in an approximately provided with a generally V-shaped in cross section.

3. (New) The vertebra body plate of claim 2, wherein the V-shaped cross section is perpendicular to the direction of penetration of the at least one spike.